

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018
6:00 p.m. – High School Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-President Megan Allen.

Roll call was taken with Mike Golden, Cindy Michel, Rachel Longbine, Kevin Engel and Megan Allen present. Lois Schneider and Nate Robinson were absent.

Also in attendance were Dr Mike Jorgensen, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Golden made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Michel.

Motion carried 5-0

6:02 p.m. – The Board met in session for the purpose of a hearing upon the budget proposal. Said proposal was published on the 29th of March, 2018 in The News, published at Kalona, of said county.

Taxpayers were heard for and against said proposal of which there were none.

Golden made a motion to approve the .33 board approved PPEL tax levy. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

Michel made a motion to adopt the 2018-2019 budget as published, in the amount of \$6,160,500 for instructional services; \$3,070,000 for support services; \$440,000 for non-instructional programs; and \$1,120,068 for other expenditures (facilities acquisition and construction, debt service, AEA support), with a total tax asking of \$4,063,552 and a tax rate of \$13.19 per \$1000 of assessed valuation which is down \$1.00 from the current rate of \$14.19. Seconded by Engel.

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Approval of the March 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes

Approval of the March 19, 2018 special meeting minutes

Financial Reports: Approval of the March financial reports.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the following April bills.

General Fund - \$44,719.70

Prepaid General Fund – \$90,761.22

Schoolhouse Fund - \$16,875.50

Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund –\$25,205.00

Activity Fund - \$7,077.23
Prepaid Activity Fund - \$271.14
Lunch Fund - \$12,248.32

Fundraisers:

Track – Online store apparel
Softball – Clothing, hats, visors & head bands
Robotics – Car Wash

Golden made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

Receive Visitors:

Maria Meller of Riverside spoke on behalf of the Elementary ESO organization. She spoke about the goals of the organization including the STEM project and the capital project which they hope to bring rubber mulch to the playground at the elementary.

Tim Surine spoke on behalf of the Highland Robotics team the Finger Tightsans. They will be traveling to the World Competition in Detroit, MI from April 24th-28th and there will be 11 students going and chaperones.

Engel made a motion to approve the Robotics team to travel out of state to Detroit, MI to the World Competition from April 24th-28th. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 5-0

Jeff Collins spoke about a trip to Washington DC he would like to take students on in March of 2019. He would like to get 15 students to go and they would be next year's juniors and seniors. The trip is through World Strides and it would be from 3/18-3/21/19. The students from Lone Tree would be traveling along with the Highland students. Mr Collins stated he has taken this trip in the past with students and feels it is very worthwhile.

Longbine made a motion to approve the out of state trip to Washington DC for students from 3/18-3/21/19. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 5-0

Michel made a motion to table the discussion/action on the trip to Spain with Rod Orrego-Lindstad until the April 23rd board meeting. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

Bus bids were received for the following 2019 65 passenger diesel school bus.

Hoglund Bus Co	\$82,500
School Bus Sales	\$89,533
Thomas Bus Sales	\$84,456

Engel made a motion to purchase a 2019 65 passenger diesel bus from Hoglund Bus Company in the amount of \$82,500. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the adjustments to the 2018-19 school calendar. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 5-0

Golden made a motion to approve the Administrative Staff Early Retirement request by Mike Jorgensen. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the Mentoring and Consortium Agreement through Grant Wood AEA for the 2018-19 school year. Seconded by Engel.

Motion carried 5-0

Golden made a motion to approve the Summer Library program for Riverside. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

All policies in Series 606-607 – Education Program were reviewed.

Golden made a motion to approve Series 606-607 board policies with the below policies noting changes. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

606.1	Class Size – Class Grouping
606.3	Animals in the Classroom
607.2R	Student Health Services Regulation

Dr Jorgensen gave a building committee project update report.

-Bus Barn building has started.

-Bleachers are on hold until the weather changes and we can get the cement pads poured.

-Met with the engineer at Highland Elementary regarding the proposal for the HVAC upgrade. He will be sending out new proposals to the 4 companies that had sent prior bids.

-Mrs Hazelett has met with 3 companies about new security cameras in the secondary building.

-Mrs Hazelett stated the scoreboards will be updated by Pepsi.

Engel made a motion to approve the personnel items. Seconded by Michel.

Motion carried 5-0

Resignations:

Samantha Wieland – Assistant HS Girls Basketball Coach

Michelle McCarthy – Elementary Building Leadership Team

Brian Haymond – TLC Committee Member

Appointments:

Whitney Howard – Head Volleyball Coach – 14% (pending all licensing requirements)

Report of Board:

- 1) Kevin Engel-Attended the drill team show and the NHS Induction. Both were very nice.
- 2) Rachel Longbine – Stated there is \$2,369 left in the Ainsworth ESO Fund.
- 3) Cindy Michel – She and Nate attended the Community Foundation of Washington County grant ceremony on April 2nd and received a check for \$423.00 to be used towards a scholarship for a graduating senior. She is working with Mr Ball on getting the information out about the scholarship.

Report of Administration:

Jane O' Leary-Elementary Principal

- 1) The Cogat testing has been done for all 3rd graders and any new 4th and 5th graders to the district for TAG identification. The TAG teachers working on this are Amrika Stumpf and Sonya Stanerson.
- 2) The 3rd and 4th grade music concert will be held 4/16 at 7:00 pm.

Angela Hazelett – Secondary Principal

- 1) MAP testing will start next Monday, 4/16. Seniors do not take the test in the spring.
- 2) The course registrations were due last Friday for next school year. Mr Ball has been working diligently on this with the students.

Sue Rich – Business Manager

- 1) Attended the spring IASBO conference at the end of March. Was very informative and learned a lot. This conference allows Sue to gain credits she needs to keep her school business official license up to date.

Dr Mike Jorgensen – Superintendent

- 1) Negotiations went well and we came to an agreement last Thursday, 4/5.
- 2) The 4/23 board meeting will include approval of the teacher contracts, a first reading of some board policy for the desk audit, the Ainsworth Summer Library, trip to Spain with Rod Orrego-Lindstad, a Curriculum and Title I report by Mrs O’Leary and a presentation by the TAG teachers.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Engel made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0

Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary’s office, 648-3822 or 657-4180, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VICE-PRESIDENT, MEGAN ALLEN

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